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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 2, 2002, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from April 2, 2002 to June 2, 2002.

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